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**PATENT**

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A FLIP-FLOP PORTAL**  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.